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June 8, 2000

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Public Service Corporation for Approval
to Increase Electric Rates and Natural Gas Rates

6690-UR-112

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS
AND
PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Prehearing Conference Date:	Wednesday, June 21, 2000 – 10:00 a.m.
Conference Location:	Public Service Commission, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI (Amnicon Falls Hearing Room – 1st Floor)

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider Wisconsin Public Service Corporation's (WPSC) March 31, 2000, application requesting rate relief for electric and natural gas service in such amounts as will permit WPSC to earn a just and reasonable return on common equity, to meet the costs of operation, and to provide WPSC the ability to attract the necessary capital to meet the requirements of customers in its service area, and to consider its request that the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) grant such other relief as may seem just, reasonable, and proper.

On March 31, 2000, WPSC filed an application with the Commission pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.03, 196.20, and 196.37, for authority to increase rates for electric and natural gas services. This application contained WPSC's financial and jurisdictional cost information.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will hold a prehearing conference on Wednesday, June 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, and continuing at times to be set by the presiding Administrative Law Judge. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Parties will be bound by the designation of issues and the schedule adopted at the prehearing conference. Persons who consider themselves to be potential parties should participate in the prehearing conference. Persons who desire to actively participate as parties must request party status in writing. Party status requests should be addressed to Jeffrey J. Patzke, Administrative Law Judge, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

This is a Class 1 proceeding as defined in Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a).

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Affairs Director, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Candice C. Spanjar at (608) 267-9537.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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